

# Keiki safety, old-west style

## Cub Scout Bike Rodeo held

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Thundering herds of two-wheeled horses and their youthful riders were corralled on base Oct. 15.

Cub Scout Packs 197 and 297 held their first ever bike rodeo Saturday at Hickam.

The rodeo taught bicycle safety for the Cub Scouts in a safe and fun environment, said Tech. Sgt. John Daniels, Pacific Air Forces and Cub Scoutmaster.

"The purpose of the bike rodeo was to educate parents and children about the safety aspects of riding a bicycle on streets and roads," Sergeant Daniels said. "The goal is to empower young cyclists with the minimal set of skills for on-road riding and to teach them the rules of the road sufficient to keep them safe."

About 80 children showed up for the event and went to six stations teach-

ing various safety measures for bicycle riding. The Cub Scouts earned a bicycle belt loop for attending the rodeo.

Although the Cub Scouts are from different packs, the leaders thought it was important for them to spend time together.

"It's about the boys," said Sergeant Daniels. "Both packs have boys the same ages and are friends on sports teams. What better way to encourage those relationships than by doing events together."

The Cub Scouts program teaches several life skills including character development, spiritual growth, good citizenship, sportsmanship and fitness, family understanding, respectful relationships, personal achievement, friendly service, fun and adventure and preparation for Boy Scouts.

"We do overnight campouts all over the island and we have done community service projects off base to reach out to the local community to include beach clean-ups and hiking trail clean-ups," said Sergeant Daniels.

For more information about Cub Scouts, contact Sergeant Daniels at 449-4201.



Julia Ramirez, 3, takes advantage of being the little sister of Bobby, 9, Pack 297 Cub Bear, by completing the safety course herself Oct. 15.



Chris Hunnicutt, 5, Pack 197 Tiger Cub Scout, rides the bicycle safety course as his dad Ken Hunnicutt watches.



Close to 80 rodeo participants prepare to take to the course after clearing the bike safety stations Saturday.



Spencer Beck, 5, Pack 197 Tiger Cub Scout, registers at station one with Michele Murak and Shonda Niewierski to start the bike inspection process.



Francis Eyre, 11, Pack 197 Cub Scout, gets his tires filled by Brendt Pfrimmer at station two.



Jon Reese, bike rodeo volunteer, adjusts a rodeo participant's brakes at station three.



Mark Sweeney and Brent Haynes teach Michael Sweeney, 10, Pack 297 Cub Scout how to keep a bike properly lubricated at station four.



Keith Bollinger gives a final inspection to the bike of Jakob Hoelsher, 7, Pack 197 Wolf Cub, at station five.



Joshua Daniels, 8, Pack 197 Cub Bear, is quizzed on riding signals by Jeannette Ramirez at station six.